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SUBJECT: CONGEN ALEXANDRIA COMMUNICATIONS

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POST REQUESTS INSTALLATION OF INTERIM AND/OR PERMANENT COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN THE VAULT AREA OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICE (OB ALEX) BUILDING AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. TO AVOID CONFUSION, THE OB ALEX IS THE PERMANENT CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICE BUILDING CURRENTLY BEING RENOVATED. THE ANSWERS BELOW ARE KEYED TO THE QUESTIONS SUBMITTED UNDER RFTL.

1. A. THE VAULT AREA LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF OB ALEX WILL BE COMPLETED ON JULY 1. THE SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS WILL BE COMPLETED BY JULY 15 AND THE ENTIRE BUILDING IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION O/A NOVEMBER 1, 1975.

1.B. THE VAULT DOOR HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND AIR CONDITIONERS ARE READY FOR INSTALLATION ONCE POWER SOURCE IS SUPPLIED. NO OTHER WIRING, LIGHT FIXTURES OR PARTITIONS ARE IN THE VAULT AREA. IT IS BARREN. ELECTRICAL POWER WILL BE AVAILABLE ON JULY 15; HOWEVER, IF NECESSARY, TEMPORARY POWER AT TWO-PHASE 110V-50 CYCLES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE INCOMING LINES.

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1. C. YES

3. A. YES. VAULT WILL BE READY FOR ELECTRICAL AND EQUIPMENT
INSTALLATION BY JULY 1.

3. B. YES, IF CONSIDERED NECESSARY. AREA COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED
AND RECONSTRUCTED UNDER SEABEE CONSEC.

3. C. WE PROPOSE THAT THE LEAST CIRCUIT TERMINATE EITHER INSIDE
OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE VAULT AREA IN OB ALEXANDRIA.
SUGGEST FINAL DECISION BE MADE BY INSTALLATION TEAM.

3. D. YES.

3. E. YES, EMBASSY ALSO INTENDS TO SEND TDY COMMUNICATOR
FROM CAIRO WHILE AMBASSADOR IS IN RESIDENCE IN ALEXANDRIA.

3. F. POST RECOMMENDS THAT ALL CLASSIFIED COMMUNICATIONS
MATERIAL BE STORED IN AN APPROVED SAFE IN VAULT OF OB ALEX
BUILDING WHERE 24-HOUR AMERICAN COVERAGE IS NOW AVAILABLE.

4. "APPOINTMENT OF CONSEC CUSTODIANS" FORM JF-47 BEING
FORWARDED TO ALEXANDRIA FOR COMPLETION.

5. MULTIPLE HOLDER PRIVACY TAPE SYSTEM, "ALEXANDRIA SEND
CAIRO AND DEPARTMENT" IS REQUESTED.

C.O. OF DEPARTMENT SEABEE PROGRAM, LT. MICHAEL HOFF NOTED
DURING PROJECT INSPECTION TOUR THAT NO SEABEE ASSISTANCE WAS
SCHEDULED FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL CIRCUITRY IN THE VAULT
AREA. HAS DEPT SCHEDULED OC TECHS FOR
THIS INSTALLATION SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION?
HOFF ALSO SUGGESTED THAT ALL NECESSARY SUPPLIES, TOOLS AND
EQUIPMENT ARRIVE WITH OR PRIOR TO ARRIVAL INSTALLATION TEAM.
PRESENT POLITICAL PICTURE INDICATES THAT COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES
FOR ALEXANDRIA ARE URGENT AND EARLIEST INSTALLATION IS REQUESTED.
SINCE ALEXANDRIA NOW IN FULL TOURIST SEASON EARLIEST ADVICE ON TEAM
NUMBERS, ETA AND EXPECTED DURATION OF STAY WOULD BE
APPRECIATED.

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